

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: \$
NEAL A. HAMMOND \$ Group Art Unit: 132
Serial No.: 07/784,891 \$
Filed: \$ Examiner:
For: LOW SUGAR HONEY \$

DECLARATION OF NEAL A. HAMMOND

I, Neal A. Hammond, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1. I am an inventor of the above-identified patent application.
2. I have worked with natural honey and attempted to extend natural honey by the addition of various extender molecules. Honey is an extremely difficult product to duplicate. The high viscosity, thixotropic characteristics, clarity, color and taste are factors which effect the overall acceptance of a blended honey product. Using the extender molecules disclosed in the patent specification, a low calorie, reduced-glucose honey product was made which mimics natural honey in flavor, clarity, color, viscosity, and texture.
3. Previous attempts by others to introduce extender or thickening agents to natural honey have been unsuccessful due to the incompatibility of such agents with the high viscosity and high solids contents of honey. Prior to the present invention, extended honey products have been undesirable because of their being stringy, cloudy, slimy or slippery, and having a low viscosity as compared with natural honey. Previously known blended honey products having satisfactory taste, texture, viscosity, etc., have required the addition of fructose to the composition. The present invention is the first extended honey product which avoids these undesirable characteristics and provides an extended, reduced-sugar honey product having

desirable organoleptic properties similar to that of natural honey.

I hereby declare that all of the statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

17 February 1992
Date


Neil A. Hammond